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Honorable Carl T. Durham, House of Representatives Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Durham:

I am deeply appreciative of your recent letter. Certainly the decision of the President-elect to continue me as Director of Central Intelligence is personally gratifying as well as important in tending to establish a precedent in this regard. As you know, I firmly believe that intelligence functions and this Agency in particular cannot and should not be a factor in political considerations.

Your retirement from the Congress is a less both to the Agency and to me personally. You have been a strong supporter of the Central Intelligence Agency concept from its inception and in fact prior to the establishment of the Agency. The guidance and support which you have afforded from your positions on the Armed Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy have been a great help to me and have been important contributing factors in the success of the Agency.

Sincerely

Allen W. Dulles Director

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Mashington, D. C.

December 9, 1960

Honorable Allen W. Dulles Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I certainly was glad to see the Presidentelect make the decision to continue you on as head of the Central
Intelligence Agency. As you know, I have worked very closely with
your agency since the early days of World War II, and I know of
no individual who has done more to create and continue in being
an Intelligence that is current and up to date than have you.

I just wanted you to know the satisfaction I felt in learning that you will still be at the helm of this important agency.

With kindest and best personal regards, fair

Sincerely yours,

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, B. C.

December 9, 1960

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Senator John F. Kennedy Senate Office Building Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Jack:

I want to congratulate you on continuing Mr. Alien Dulles as head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Back in the early days of World War II we had very little worth-while intelligence operations, as you are probably aware, and we stumbled quite a few times in trying to set up an agency with proper personnel and someone to head it.

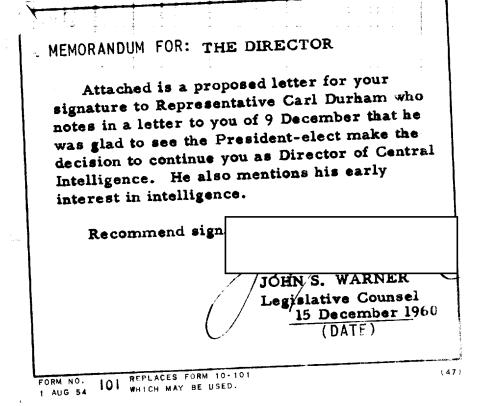
Since I have served on the House Armed Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, I have come to know Allan Dulles well, and in my opinion he is by far the best qualified person who has headed any agency of the Intelligence Service since the beginning of World War II.

With kindest and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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